Today's News - Friday, May 30, 2008

– World Science Festival takes on climate and the cities of tomorrow.
– An "unholy row" erupts over Corbu's Ronchamp revamp (both sides have petitions swirling). – A battle over land use at Valley Forge.
– 2012 Olympic stadium wrapped in hemp might make it green, but is it good? (Woodman isn't convinced.)
– Heathcote heaps praise on some of RIBA's best buildings picks.
– AIA Architectural Billings Index sees hard times ahead.
– Nouvel's "Green Blade" gets green light.
– Meier on designing in the White City and the state of tower design worldwide. – Tanner takes RAIA reins today.
– Sale of Neutra's Kaufman House falls through (amazing slide show!).
– The beauty of bridges +.
– Lots of weekend diversions: Lewis says Saarinen show at National Building Museum "illuminates an issue still facing architects 47 years after his death."
– "Psycho Buildings" at the Hayworth has everybody humming (we couldn't pick just one): Glancey "gets freaked out" (great video). – Searle goes rowing. – Heathcote finds it ambitious, varied and striking. – McIntyre: "Long may Atelier Bow-Wow and all the rest continue to wag their tails."
– "Exciting indeed" are the winning designs of the Millennium School Competition on view at Harvard.
– Massie's "American House '08" at Cranbrook is "a work of art and future home all in one."
– An amusing behind-the-scenes look at construction for MoMA's upcoming prefab housing show.
– Last chance to watch designers constructing in glass at Cooper-Hewitt.
– On the shelves: 2009 guide to top schools for urban planners. – "Aldo van Eyck," "The Endless City," "Mapping London," and "A Guidebook to Contemporary Architecture in Montreal" all worth a gander. – Inside the "Architecture of Authority."

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Climate Concerns Shape the Cities of Tomorrow: The Future of Urban Life Looks 'Green,' Say Experts [at] "Future Cities," part of the World Science Festival in New York running through Sunday. -- Majora Carter/Sustainable South Bronx; Mitchell Joachim/Terreform [slide shows, links]- ABC News (US)

Unholy row erupts over Renzo revamp of Corbusier chapel: Work on Renzo Piano's visitor centre [for Notre Dame du Haut site in Ronchamp] is suspended after architecture fans threaten legal challenge- Building (UK)

Fight Over Land Use at Valley Forge: A proposal for a visitor center and conference facilities within a national park has raised criticism from those who say it increases the risk of commercial development in other parks. -- Robert A.M. Stern Architects [image]- New York Times

Olympic Stadium's latest design unveiled: 2012 landmark could be wrapped in hemp to make it greener than Sydney's Olympic stadium...BD's architecture critic Ellis Woodman said: "This is all about the stadium's green credentials...They are still short of an idea." -- HOK Sport; Peter Cook [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

T5 and St Pancras praised in buildings list: The 92 structures...a list of extraordinary depth and interest – a rich blend of public and social works with an appreciation of historic architecture and places. By Edwin Heathcote -- Rogers Stirk Harbour; Foster + Partners; Alistair Lansley; Denton Corker Marshall; David Chipperfield; Ian Simpson; AHMM; Haworth Tompkins; Wilkinson Eyre; Julian Harrap; Adjaye; Keith Williams- Financial Times (UK)

Hard Times: AIA Architectural Billings Index sees uptick, but overall numbers still down- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

Nouvel's "Green Blade" Takes Root: At gateway of Century City...gets green light...will be "green" within and without. [images]- AIArchitect

Richard Meier on his new project in Tel Aviv and the state of tower design: ...discuss the challenges of building in the White City and the "onslaught of new towers" around the world. [images]- International Herald Tribune

Sydney architect heads peak architecture body: Howard Tanner will be appointed as the Royal Australian Institute of Architects' (RAIA) 69th National President, taking office today- Selector.com (Australia)

It's Official: $19M Kaufmann House sale 'terminated' -- Richard Neutra [slide show]- The Desert Sun (Palm Springs)

The Beauty of Bridges + May 27, 1937: A Bridge Over the Gate? Are You Crazy? [slide show]- Wired

A Look Into the Past, at a Man Who Helped Build the Future: "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future" at the National Building Museum...illuminates an issue still facing architects 47 years after Saarinen's death: What does it mean to be modern, to design for the future? By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post

Jonathan Glancey gets freaked out by the Hayward's 40th anniversary exhibition, "Psycho Buildings" [video]- Guardian (UK)

Top of the drops: What happens when you let artists loose on a whole gallery - inside and out? Adrian Searle grabs his oars and finds out: "Psycho Buildings: Artists Take

On Architecture" at the Hayward Gallery is extremely enjoyable... -- Atelier Bow-Wow; Do Ho Suh; Rachel Whiteread; Tomas Saraceno; Gelitin; Los Carpinteros [slide show]- Guardian (UK)

A long way from home: "Psycho Buildings" at London's Hayward gallery sets up a number of domestic scenes and explodes them, or expands them, with violent force or sinister quiet to produce one of the most ambitious, varied and striking exhibitions in the city in recent years. By Edwin Heathcote- Financial Times (UK)

"Psycho Buildings: Artists & Architecture": ...the brilliant new exhibition...is a show of immense vitality and vigour. Long may Atelier Bow-Wow and all the rest continue to wag their tails. [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

School of the future: Last year, My Shelter Foundation launched the "Be Better Build Better" program, starting with the Millennium School Competition...Exciting indeed are the winning designs that are currently on display at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government... -- Illac Diaz- Philippine Daily Inquirer

Architect offers "American House '08" at Cranbrook Art Museum: ...an experiment -- a work of art and future home all in one project that blends 21st century concepts of environmental sustainability with modernist forms and shapes popular during the 1950s..."The idea is to make architecture economical at the place where it can actually impact (everyday) life." -- William Massie- Chicago Tribune

MoMA's Prefab-Housing Project: "Home Delivery: Fabricating the Modern Dwelling"...examines the history of prefabricated dwellings, from 1833 to the present... -- Jeremy Edmiston/Douglas Gauthier; KieranTimberlake; Oskar Leo Kaufmann/Albert Rüf; Lawrence Sass [slide show]- New York Sun

At Cooper-Hewitt, Designers Teach Glass (and Themselves) New Tricks: By the time the Corning GlassLab packs up...on June 3, 19 designers will have tested the limits of a material that few of them had previously used. -- Tobias Wong; Harry Allen, and Constantin and Laurene Boym; Harry Allen; Paul Haigh; Moeslinger/Udagawa/Antenna Design; Massimo Vignelli; etc. [slide show]- New York Times

The Top Schools For Urban Planners: Planetizen 2009 Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs ...Covering 100 programs in the United States and Canada...- PLANetizen

Book reviews: "Aldo van Eyck: Writings"; "The Endless City: The Urban Age Project..." edited by Ricky Burdett and Deyen Sudjic; "A Guidebook to Contemporary Architecture in Montreal" by Nancy Dunton and Helen Malkin; "Mapping London: Making Sense of the City" by Simon Foxell- Canadian Architect

Inside the "Architecture of Authority": A new book by photographer Richard Ross examines the way institutional buildings exert power over people. [slide show essay]- Wired

-- Daniel Libeskind: The Ascent, Covington, Kentucky
-- Steven Ehrlich Architects: Robertson Branch Library, Los Angeles

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